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- 25X1 1. Rumania is required to supply 160,000 cubic meters of lumber to the Soviet Union during 1947. This large quantity, the low stocks and decreased production would leave only a small amount available for export to other countries. The Soviets, however, are preventing the export of even this limited amount of lumber to other countries.
 - 2. The Russians claim that Rumania has not fulfilled her obligations according to the plan which established the quantities that each firm was to supply on behalf of the Rumanian State. Apparently some firms did not meet their quotas, and their deficiencies were made up by other firms. Although the total Rumanian lumber supplies to Russia are on schedule, the Soviets say they cannot follow this disorderly system and insist on exact fulfillment of the plan without alteration.
 - 3. Consequently, the Soviets have sequestered the lumber stocks in Constants (about 6,000 cubic meters) awaiting shipment to other countries, and have either taken out lumber of the specifications which they claim are missing from their own lots, or have kept the entire stock as a guarantee until the required lumber arrives from the interior. At the present time the Greek steamer FLORA NOMIKOS, the Turkish ship THOROS, and two Turkish vessels are lying idle in the port of Constants waiting for their timber cargoes to be released by the Soviets.
 - The reason for this procedure is apparently the inability of the USSR to fill its own orders from Egypt; the Soviets sold bigger quantities to Egypt than they are able to supply from the amounts due them. In order to fulfill their commitments they are artificially increasing the amount of Rumanian timber due to them.
 - 5. The Mussian vessels are loaded in Constantza, then sail to Odessa or other Russian ports and from there proceed to their destinations in the Near East.

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